

FALCONRY

Species from the following families may be used for falconry:

- Accipitridae (except the bald eagle).
- Falconidae.
- Strigidae (Great horned owl only).

Hunting season: Upland game birds and upland game animals may be taken by falconry during firearms seasons established for those species and during extended falconry seasons (see table below). During firearm season, falconers may take firearm season bag and possession limits. During extended falconry seasons, special limits apply.

Migratory game birds may be taken by falconry during firearms seasons established for those species. However, during firearms seasons and extended falconry seasons, special bag and possession limits apply.

Falconers are now required to have state permits for raptor captive breeding, falconry, falconry capture (nonresidents only), falconry in-state transfer, and falconry meet (nonresidents only). A falconry training permit is required when training with released upland game birds and waterfowl. Permits can be purchased at IDFG Regional Offices.

There are special requirements regarding the capture, possession, transfer and use of birds of prey in Idaho. Complete rules are available from: IDFG, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

Special Restrictions On Hunting With Birds Of Prey

Anytime a hunting bird of prey kills quarry that may not be taken under established rules, seasons, bag limits, or license requirements, the falconer must leave the dead quarry where it lies. EXCEPT that the bird of prey may feed upon the quarry before leaving the kill site.

No person may carry a firearm or be accompanied by any person carrying a firearm while hunting by falconry.

All Idaho residents, hunting by falconry must have in their possession a valid Idaho falconry permit, a valid hunting license and all necessary validations.

All nonresidents, hunting by falconry must have in their possession a valid Idaho hunting license, all necessary validations and a valid falconry permit from their state of residence.

EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASONS, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT

SPECIES	OPEN AND CLOSED AREAS	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMITS	POSSESSION LIMIT (After 1st day of season)
PHEASANTS (All varieties)	All counties or parts of counties which have a firearms season are open to hunting by falconry.	Aug 15, 2006 to the opening of the firearms season and from the close of firearms season through March 15, 2007. Aug 15, 2007 to the opening of the firearms season and from the close of the firearms season through March 15, 2008	3 of any kind and shall not include more than 1 pheasant (male or female), 1 sage-grouse, or 1 sharp-tailed grouse except during firearm seasons when those seasons' limits apply.	6 of any kind and shall not include more than 2 pheasant (male or female), 2 sage -grouse.
GRAY PARTRIDGE CHUKAR PARTRIDGE BOBWHITE QUAIL CALIFORNIA QUAIL	Same as above.	Same as above.		
FOREST GROUSE (BLUE, RUFFED & SPRUCE)	Same as above.	Same as above.		
SAGE-GROUSE	Same as above.	Same as above.		
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	Same as above.	Same as above.		
CROWS	Open statewide.	Oct 1, 2006 - Jan 31, 2007 Oct 1, 2007 - Jan 31, 2008	No daily bag or possession limits	
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS (DUCKS, COOTS, MERGANSERS, COMMON SNIPE, MOURNING DOVE)	Open statewide.	The season shall be within the season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for these species. Hunters should check with IDFG offices for actual dates.	3 of any kind	6 of any kind
COTTONTAIL RABBITS	Open statewide.	March 1, 2006 - Aug 31, 2006 March 1, 2007 - Aug 31, 2007	2 of any kind	4 of any kind
SNOWSHOE HARES	Open statewide.	Apr 1, 2006 - Aug 31, 2006 Apr 1, 2007 - Aug 31, 2007		

AMERICAN CROWS

No person shall take American crows:

- From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- With trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol or a shotgun using shells exceeding three and one-half (3 1/2) inches maximum length.
- From boats or other craft having a motor attached UNLESS the motor is completely shut off and forward progress has ceased, or the boat is drifting naturally or it is propelled only by paddle, oars, or pole, or it is beached, moored, or resting at anchor.

AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING

Areas closed to hunting of upland game birds are also closed to hunting of American crows. See page 12.

SEASONS, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS - STATEWIDE		
SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS
American Crow	2006: Oct 1, 2006 - Jan 31, 2007	NO LIMITS
	2007: Oct 1, 2007 - Jan 31, 2008	

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